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Southern Baptists Continue To Grow

By J. P. Edmunds
Secretary, Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board

The consistent progress of the Southern Baptists through the years is clearly evident in the following factual statement. It took Southern Baptists 28 years to reach their first million; 34 years to reach their second million; 13 years their third million; 10 years, their fourth million; 8 years, their fifth million; 6 years, their sixth million; and 4 years, their seventh million. Our present membership of 7,373,498 indicates that we should reach our eighth million in three years, by the close of 1953.

In a report recently released by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches, it was reported that the membership rolls of the 67 larger religious bodies increased 59.8 per cent from 1926 to 1950, compared with a population growth of 28.6 per cent over the same period. While these major bodies, including Southern Baptists, increased 59.8 percent, Southern Baptists alone increased their membership 98.8 per cent from 1926 to 1951. During this same twenty-five-year period, Southern Baptist Sunday school enrolment increased 92.8 per cent. Training Union enrolment increased 211.9

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United Drys Plan Program To Keep Mississippi Dry

United Drys of Mississippi held an enthusiastic meeting at the Baptist building Friday May 2 and made plans to lay before every voter in Mississippi the evils of liquor and to get every possible dry vote cast in the election to be held on August 26.

The conference attended by the officers and directors and several visitors adopted a comprehensive program prepared by state headquarters and presented by Henry Edmunds, executive secretary of United Drys. The plan is modeled after the one used so successfully in a victorious dry campaign in Oklahoma last year.

President J. D. Slay of Hattiesburg, a district superintendent of the Methodist church presided and also presented part of the campaign plans. The plans call for a

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BANK ROBBER PUBLICLY REPENTS IN CHURCH

Topeka, Kan.—(RNS) A 23-year-old railroad shop worker publicly confessed from a Baptist church pulpit here that he was one of three men who took nearly \$1,000 from the Hoyt, Kan., bank in an armed holdup four years ago, and immediately announced plans for entering the ministry.

Radio microphones and television cameras relayed to a large listening and watching audience the dramatic confession arranged by the Rev. Howard L. Brumme, pastor of the church.

The repentant robber, Albert Johnson, told the congregation that although he had paid back his \$335 share in the holdup, he wanted to make the public confession "to find peace."

Johnson's wife, Beth, and their son, Billy, four months, were in the church as he told the congregation "I am ready to pay the penalty for my crime." "But I hope I will be granted leniency," he said. "I want to enter the ministry when this is all over. I think the Lord can definitely use me in His service. I want to tell all boys

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EVANGELISM SEEN MORE DIFFICULT IN JAPAN

RICHMOND, Ca. (RNS)—Evangelism is becoming "an increasingly difficult road" in Japan since the restoration of that nation's sovereignty, according to a report to the Foreign Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

The Rev. Buuntaro Kimura, evangelism secretary for the Japan Baptist Convention, said in the report that the interest in everything American which the Japanese had shown in the first few postwar years had dissipated and it was no longer easy to get an audience for any missionary or preacher from the United States.

His report also said that tendencies toward heightened nationalism and renewed Communist activity are on the rise.

Increased attendance at shrines and agitation for the restoration of certain nationalistic holidays and festivals were cited as indications of the heightened nationalism. Citing Mr. Kimura said, Communism is coming into the open, after being largely underground during the occupation, and manifesting itself in the instigation of riots in leading cities.

First Indian Graduates From A Miss. College

Miss Fannie Lou Ben, Carthage, who will graduate from Blue Mountain College June 2, is the first Choctaw Indian to graduate from any college in Mississippi, according to Rev. W. W. Simpson, Philadelphia, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board missionary to the Indians. After her graduation,



MISS FANNIE LOU BEN

Miss Ben expects to do religious work among her people in Mississippi.

She did her elementary grade school work in Mississippi and was graduated in 1945 from the high school in Chillico, Okla. She then entered Haskell Institute, an Indian school at Lawrence, Kansas, and studied commercial science for two years.

Following her studies at Haskell, she joined the faculty of the El-lard school in Calhoun county, be-

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Unconventionalities

BY DR. J. W. STORER

Southern Baptists do get about—perhaps they qualify for gadabouts. Do tell! But we have Scripture for that — Jer. 2:36.

The mission work is not easy — no work is, I presume. But my impression was that we need to throw reinforcements, both material and personnel, into our Cuban work, and do it now. We have been there a long time, and at the rate we are going it will be a long time before we see the results we have a right to expect. This is not the fault of the devoted men and women now understaffing the stations — rather it is because we are doing it at a starving rate.

The interior of Cuba is beautiful in many ways. Flowers, exotic and abundant. We got a private car, and went on our own one day (I speak Spanish like a native Exquimox) but Tony, the driver, was both a linguist and an explorer —

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Dr. D. M. Nelson Completes 20 Years As President Of Mississippi College

Many Improvements Under His Leadership

20 FRUITFUL YEARS

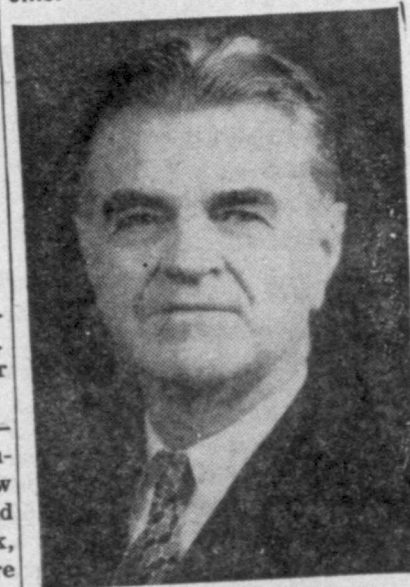
By DR. A. A. KITCHINGS

Too often we have nothing to show for our efforts during one year, ten years or even twenty years.

Not so with Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, rounding out twenty years of wonderful service for Mississippi Baptists in directing the affairs of Mississippi College.

Twenty years ago he took the reins of this college when the going was quite hazardous. He realized that he needed super human direction, hence to his pastor he went, and called through him, a prayer league into existence. From that time til now Dr. Nelson has leaned heavily on Him who says: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path." His phenomenal success, under very trying circumstances, has been due in a large measure, to his absolute dependence on God.

Not only does he depend on God himself, but he has also set a high Christian standard for Mississippi College. Some things allowed in other institutions like ours are not



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allowed in Mississippi College, for instance, fraternities and dancing. Thank Go for Dr. Nelson's standards.

When we had the Naval Unit here, the commanding officer thought he would surely have dances, and made bold to tell Dr. Nelson that Uncle Sam had leased some buildings here, and he expected to dance in those buildings. Dr. Nelson's reply was that it was true Uncle Sam had leased them, but not for dances, there-

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Editor's Note: Having lived in Mississippi only during the latter half of the time Dr. Nelson has been connected with Mississippi College, we have asked two men who are loved and trusted and who have known Dr. Nelson much longer than we have to write the articles which appear below.

A WORTHY LEADER AND NOBLE SERVANT

By DR. CHESTER SWOR

To few men comes the high privilege of significant association with one institution for forty-one years; to few institutions comes the good fortune of having in their life and leadership the devoted services of a gifted individual for four decades. Such a man is Dr. D. M. Nelson: such an institution is Mississippi College in Clinton.

Since 1911, when he returned to his alma mater as a young professor in the Science division, Dr. Nelson has served Mississippi College with all the powers of his personality. Since 1932, when he came into the presidency, he has led the college valiantly. Because the twentieth anniversary of his presi-

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264 Mississippi Churches Did Not Baptize In 1951

By C. E. WILBANKS

Could it be that there are 264 candlesticks in danger of being removed? That is the number of churches listed in the annual of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in 1951, as having baptized, not even one, during the year 1951. On the basis of the warning which the glorified Lord sent to the church in Ephesus through John that if they return not to their first love, He would remove their candlestick, we wonder if we are in danger of the light going out entirely in 264 of our 1666 Baptist churches reported in 1951. The church in Ephesus was ordered by the Lord to repent and do again her first work. We wonder what He would say to these 264 churches in Mississippi, if we could get the direct message from Him.

We have congratulated the six associations in Mississippi which reported 100 per cent of their churches baptizing new converts in 1951. Then these 264 churches are scattered throughout the remain-

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Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists
The Every Family Plan Makes Informed Baptists

A Worthy Leader . . .

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 dency falls on June 1, 1952, we rejoice to pause here to offer tribute.

In the 125th anniversary commencement address last year, this writer paid tribute to Dr. Nelson in words which are all the more appropriate on this twentieth anniversary of his presidency:

"In June of 1932, when depression's clouds were lowering low, without fanfare but also without fear, there came into the presidency of Mississippi College one who had known and loved and served the college for many years. He did not even ask for a formal inauguration. He asked simply and fervently for earnest prayer, fellowship, and hardworking cooperation. Armed by a passionate and well-proved love for his alma mater, Dr. D. M. Nelson began to lead Mississippi College into what has already proved to be the most fruitful era of these 125 years.

"Though he would be the first to insist that he has led merely in the reaping of plantings and waterings of those who have preceded him, I am sure that no impartial heart will disagree with my saying, 'President Nelson, if the college lives to be a thousand years of age, there will be no name inscribed more illustriously among her leaders and benefactors than the name of D. M. Nelson.'

"One does not have to search for metaphors, similes, and hyperboles to describe the accomplishments of the college since 1932. The indisputable facts offer a tribute of peerless eloquence:

1. Material Advancement.

a. College debts amounting to \$491,000 have been retired.

b. The endowment has been increased approximately \$500,000.

c. It is conservatively estimated that in new buildings, property expansion and acquisitions, and in renovations the college has enhanced its property value by \$2,000,000.

2. Academic Advancement.

a. In addition to its accreditation prior to Dr. Nelson's coming to the presidency, the college now has these affiliations: On approved list of American Association of Universities, American Association of University Women, American Council on Education, National Association of Business Teacher Training Institutions.

b. The scientific equipment of all departments of science has been expanded greatly.

c. The number of volumes in the library has been increased by more than three hundred per cent.

d. The number of faculty members has increased from 2 to 75.

3. Student Enrollment.

Through the current session (1950-1951) Mississippi College has enrolled 6,898 different students during Dr. Nelson's administration. 2,238 have been graduated—almost half the total number of students graduated in the entire 125 years of Mississippi College history."

All the fine things uttered in that eulogy of a year ago can be repeated—with additions to all the figures of growth indicated above. Therefore, we stand at this twentieth anniversary of Dr. Nelson's presidency with a salute for



Pictured above are a group of young people of the First Baptist Church of Winona who participated in the Youth Week which was recently observed. Young people filled all the offices of the church and organizations of the church for the week. The youth officers took complete charge of the prayer service and of both morning and evening services on the closing Sunday. Joe Mansfield gave the morning message, and Everett Caldwell brought the evening message. The music for these services was presented by the Chapel Choir directed by Mrs. C. B. Hamlet. A Youth Party was held on Thursday on the court in front of the new educational building. Rev. C. B. Hamlet is pastor.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y. — Members of the Tarrytown-North Tarrytown school district rejected a proposal to allocate \$3,885 in public funds for bus transportation of 36 students to a nearby Roman Catholic high school. A vote on the proposal, defeated 711 to 49, was requested by the parents of the 36 students who attend Archbishop Stepinac high school in White Plains.

the magnificent accomplishments of these years, with hearts full of gratitude that our Mississippi College is literally "Staunch As a Rock," and with the cordial and fervent wish that for the noble leader of the college through these years there may be the incomparable happiness of heart which comes in knowing that his work has been done worthily and well. Congratulations to Dr. Nelson, for he is truly a worthy leader and a noble servant!

**Mrs. D. M. Nelson:
Faithful Helper**

"As unto the bow the cord is, so unto man is woman."

Mrs. D. M. Nelson very worthily shares the honors attendant upon the twentieth anniversary of Dr. Nelson in the presidency of Mississippi College for she has been a "help-meet" in the most glorious sense of the word.

Throughout these busy years Mrs. Nelson has accompanied Dr. Nelson from Tennessee to the Gulf and from Louisiana to Alabama; and in the interludes between travels she has kept their home forever open to faculty members and students. She has been vitally interested in student life throughout these years and has facilitated many aspects of the college program with her gracious spirit of helpfulness. She has been wife, mother, companion, spectator, participant, and friend—and in every phase of her busy life she has wrought well.

Congratulations to Mrs. Nelson, for she has been a vital, integral part of the accomplishments of these twenty years!

264 Mississippi . . .

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ing 68 associations. Then those workers who are concerned about this tragic situation in Mississippi are sixty-eight associational moderators and clerks. In addition, the associational missionaries where there are missionaries, and the general chairman of evangelism, and the general organizer for evangelism, where they have been elected by the association, are likewise concerned. Of course, the pastor is the man in the number one spot of concern for the lost. It is his concern before it is the concern of any associational officer.

Can we look at this figure and be complacent and unconcerned? Can we read these figures and not see the blood of men on our hands? This figure is up alarmingly above the 1950 figure, which was 191. That means that seventy-three more churches failed to baptize one person in 1951, than in 1950. In other words the number of churches failing to baptize one person in twelve months, increased in 1951, as compared to 1950 by the alarming figure of 38.22 per cent. Stated another way, in 1951, 15.85 per cent of the churches failed to win to Christ and baptize even one person. That means practically one church in six throughout the state of Mississippi did not win to Christ or baptize one new disciple for Him, in 1951.

The State Director of Evangelism is sending this information to the above named officers in each association. His fervent prayer will combine with theirs that there will be revivals in all the churches in 1952, and that every one of those reporting no baptisms last year will report baptisms this year for the glory of our Lord. Also let us pray and work that no church which reported baptisms in 1951 shall go through 1952 without baptisms reported.

If the first love of a Christian and of a New Testament Church is salvation of other souls, then the Lord commanded our churches which had failed to function in winning others and baptizing them, that the churches repent and return to do their first work, or their candlesticks are endangered. For such tragedy read the book of

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per cent. Total gifts increased from \$40,106,852 to \$222,838,109, or 455.6 per cent.

Southern Baptists continued their consistent progress during 1951. The number of associations increased from 976 to 992. Churches increased from 27,788 to 28,289.

Church membership increased 4.1 per cent to a present membership of 7,373,498. Active pastors increased from 19,237 to 20,348.

Sunday school enrollment increased 4.6 per cent to a present membership of 5,253,695. It was reported that 27,340 churches have Sunday schools.

Training Union enrollment continued to advance, increasing 7.9 per cent, to a present membership of 1,554,660.

A total of 16,101 churches reported a W. M. U. membership of 1,087,427.

The number of Brotherhoods increased to 5,729, with a membership of 185,587.

The value of church property increased more than \$100 million, climbing to a total of \$761,510,838.

Total gifts for all causes were reported as \$22,838,109, an increase of 13.0 per cent over 1951. Per capita gifts were \$30.22, an increase of 8.5 per cent. Total mission gifts increased 11.6 per cent, for a total of \$37,268,172, or \$5.05 per capita.

Southern Baptist hospitals reported 244,480 patients during 1951, of which 23,078 were non-church members. They ministered to 20,865 charity patients. Southern Baptist hospital property is now valued at \$56,397,980.

The 69 Southern Baptist educational institutions reported a total enrollment of 47,626, of which 4,108 were in seminaries, and 32,480 in senior colleges and universities. They report a total endowment of \$46,852,219 and property valued at \$98,839,391.

The churches reported an estimated 663,615 tithers, and 7,893 churches with state paper in the budget. Of particular significance was the fact that 3,557 Catholics

Revelation, chapter 2:1-7, and comprehend the seriousness of the situation which we face in Mississippi. For a church to cease to win and baptize means that a church ceases to function in her first work, then might soon disappear from the community. God spare such tragedy in 264 such churches in Mississippi and 4,631 churches in the area of the Southern Baptist Convention.

These churches which baptized not one in 1951 cannot be classified in just one group, with reference to preaching appointments. The record reveals that these 264 baptismless churches are in one-fourth time, one-half time, three-fourths time, and full time churches, so far as the Sundays for preaching are concerned. They are in the following groups, scattered throughout the sixty-eight associations referred to above, to-wit: Full time, 23 churches, three-quarter time, two churches, half-time, 134 churches, quarter time, 72 churches. Not reporting as to Sundays in which preaching is conducted, 33 churches.

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 fore, there would be no dances on campus.

Several Storms

In these twenty years Dr. Nelson has weathered some storms. The first one was a debt with which he had to grapple for some years. The "depression" had caused the debt on the college and he had to fight debt and depression at the same time.

A second storm that he had to weather was a misunderstanding on the part of enthusiasts for athletics among our alumni. They feared he would under-emphasize all forms of athletics. He took middle of the road course and weathered the storm out.

A third storm and the toughest of all was Dr. Nelson's determination to make Mississippi College co-educational. That wave on the part called forth a hard and bitter struggle among our alumni who felt very sure that it was a mistake. Dr. Nelson won the fight and now the great majority of those who opposed it, are all dead. We see that it saved the college in time of war, and put us in line with the march of events.

If you could only see from the inside of college life here the matches being made by our choicest Baptist girls and boys, you would say, "So mote it be." Many happy couples will rise up and bless Dr. Nelson for co-education at Mississippi College.

As our leader, Dr. Nelson not only piloted us through the storm of war but launched a great building program before the war was over.

The best way to describe this program of expansion is to say, "Just come and see" for yourselves.

Among his heaviest responsibilities has been that of selecting faculty members. Any college president will make some mistakes in regard to this task. Well, the best way to convince yourself of Dr. Nelson's ability to select faculty members is to visit the class rooms and observe the instruction.

He requires and demands scholarship, character, high moral standards and ability to teach.

Those of us who have been close to him in these twenty years can say, "Chief, you have led us nobly, sanely, wisely, victoriously, and gloriously. We hail you."

joined Southern Baptist churches in 1951.

An indication of progress may be noted in the decreased churches with quarter-time preaching and the increase of churches with full-time preaching. Quarter-time churches decreased 11.5 per cent, while the churches with full-time preaching increased 8.5 per cent.

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Sunday, June 1, is annual Homecoming Day at Hickory Grove Church in Lauderdale county. The Reverends L. T. Dyess and C. O. Lindsey will be guest speakers. After the regular morning service, dinner will be served on the grounds. Afternoon service will begin at 1:30.

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Miss., under the Act of October 3, 1911.

Our Congratulations To Dr. D. M. Nelson

Next Monday Dr. Dotson M. Nelson completes 20 years as President of Mississippi College and 41 years as a member of the faculty of Mississippi Baptists own Mississippi College.

Having been fellow townsmen, neighbors and brothers in the same church we know Dr. Nelson as a gentleman, a faithful Christian, an able administrator and a teacher without a peer.

Mississippi, as well as Mississippi Baptists, are fortunate to have had the benefit of his work and leadership. He has led worthily and well.

But words alone cannot adequately describe his worth or our appreciation. **WE SHOULD BE DOERS AND NOT HEARERS ONLY.** We can show our appreciation by supporting Mississippi College in word and deed.

Our words should be used to induce young men and young women to enroll as students.

Our deeds (money) should be used to aid in making Mississippi College a greater school for larger numbers for the Christian training of more young men and young women to be leaders in the years to come.

But language fails us in our efforts to adequately describe the deeds of Dr. Nelson. On another page will be found two articles, one by a faculty member and one by a former student that tell the story far better than we can do it. Indeed, Dr. Nelson is a **WORTHY LEADER; A NOBLE SERVANT.**

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Reflections on the 1951 SB Convention

We are not alone in our opinion that the recent Southern Baptist Convention held in Miami, Florida was one of the very best in its 107-year history. Many others have said the same thing.

We did not approve, wholeheartedly, of every action taken; but we found much for which we are thankful. There were many problems to be solved. Brethren of the various committees and boards had tackled their problems with serious purpose and brought helpful and constructive reports and recommendations. No doubt they had spent much time and thought and many hours of pray-

er concerning these matters. All of them deserve the thanks of all Southern Baptists.

Space is not available for a full discussion of all the high points of the Convention, but we give below some impressions.

Rev. Albert McClellan, Publicity Director of the Southern Baptist Convention, not only grows in grace, but in efficiency. Each year his work has shown an improvement and this year was no exception. He seemed to have anticipated every need and provided for them. If any editor does not have a full report, he has no one to blame but himself.

As indicated in our news report of the Convention, a lot of time was wasted with welcome addresses. We still do not understand what connection there was between the wonderful opportunities for evangelism in the Northwest and in the response to an address of welcome.

There were many high spots. Space prevents even mentioning all of them. The addresses and sermons were of an unusual high order—far above the usual. So far as we can recall this is the first Convention that we have ever attended where there were not some poorly prepared or poorly presented addresses. Not so this year. Every one was of a high order.

The Saturday Night Youth Service, including an address by President J. D. Grey and a sermon by Billy Graham as well as the outstanding musical program, was one of the, if not the very best, of all the services held. We arrived at the auditorium at 6 o'clock. At that time it was practically full. The services started at 7:30. Home night, on Friday night, under the direction of Dr. Joe W. Burton, editor of Home Life, and the sermon by Mississippi's own Dr. James L. Sullivan, was another outstanding service. As usual the Home and Foreign Missions nights were up to their usual high standards.

Other Highlights

After three years of study, the Convention voted to have Transfer Week in the fall of 1952. At that time a determined effort will be made to enlist Baptists with the local church rather than leaving their membership at the old home church.

The 1954 financial goal was set at thirty-four million dollars. This is to include items for state and southwide objects. A capital needs program of fifteen million dollars within five years was adopted. This amount is to be divided among the various boards and institutions. The Convention also instructed the Executive Committee to present plans at the next Convention for enlarging the Executive Commit-

tee. It is our opinion that the Executive Committee is large enough. Every section is fairly represented.

It is true that some of the smaller states have as much representation as the larger states. But so far that has not caused any trouble.

We think the Convention was wise in voting to limit the term of a president to two terms. The presidency is an honorary position and therefore two years is long enough. Let's give some of the other fellows a chance.

Evangelism was the keynote of the Convention. Speaker after speaker named it as our major objective.

The Convention also indicated that it was debt conscious. In the recommendations of the Executive Committee an amendment was made prohibiting making debts by any institution that could not be retired within three years and from current receipts.

Another wise precaution was the suggestion made by the Executive Committee that personal solicitation be prohibited. This does not apply to the Lottie Moon offering



and other things of a like nature, nor to endowment needs.

Recognizing the need for the enlargement of the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville and for the improvement of its program, funds were provided for that purpose.

As might have been expected the Convention was cold to any suggestion of unionism. The President of the American Baptist Convention (Northern), Dr. Latourrette, slightly mentioned it, said a few words for it, then admitted it was a dead duck. The Brethren heard him with courtesy, but not with enthusiasm. It was a good speech, but a poor subject.

Due to the fact that the Convention has grown to be so largely attended, the suggestion was made that a central meeting place be selected. We do not approve of that proposition. More will be said about it in a later editorial.

The Executive Committee was instructed to consider plans for re-

serving seats for messengers to the Convention and allowing the visitors to have the other seats. This is a good idea.

The Convention heard with amazement the fact that negro ministerial education is almost non-existent. Only 120 college-grade ministerial students are now enrolled in seminaries. It is hoped to remedy this situation.

The Convention heard with enthusiasm that the Foreign Mission Board plans to send out 100 new missionaries during 1952. Many of these have already been appointed.

In this Convention Southern Baptists again demonstrated that Baptists can function as a great democratic body with individual freedom of expression and vote. Baptists tell their leaders what to do in contrast to some other religious bodies whose leaders, or LEADER, tells the members what they can and cannot do.

President Grey saw to it that the people were given a chance to speak out and vote their convictions. No quick votes were taken. Everybody had an opportunity to speak and many of them did so.

While there are differences and diversities among Southern Baptists, it is to their eternal credit that they have achieved a unity which redounds to the glory of God, to the advancement of His cause, and to the enrichment of spiritual experience. Many pastors and others said to us, "We are certain that large numbers of those in attendance returned with a determination to do more to meet the needs of a lost world even if it means sacrifices."

The Convention was keenly sensitive to the responsibility for the spread of the Gospel. It is not surprising that there is a rising tide of high resolve to unite all of our forces in a great program of carrying the Gospel unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Convention at Miami was truly a great Convention. Surely God was there. The only danger is that now that the Convention is over many of us will forget the high resolves we made at Miami. It now remains for us to put into action the things we promised to do. And in doing this, let us claim the promise of our Lord, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

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The American Guild of Organists, with a national membership of more than 12,000 and Chapters in every state (nearly 200 in all), will hold its Biennial Convention in San Francisco, June 30 through July 4, 1952. This association of church musicians represents all religious bodies. Its purpose is to raise the standards of organ and choral music.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE May 25, 1952

Jackson, First	1449	510
Main Church	1325	453
Broadmoor Chapel	124	57
Jackson, Northside	553	147
Jackson, South Side	326	151
Jackson, Daniel	448	205
Calhoun City, First	328	148
Magee	361	112
Siloam		
(Simpson Co.)	61	65
Columbus, First	795	280
Hattiesburg, Main St.	640	281
Laurel, West	277	103
Mission	24	
Springfield (Scott Co.)	119	61
Sandersville	132	77
Kosciusko, Second	140	99
Harperville	97	64
Meridian		
Poplar Springs Dr.	317	107
Itta Bena	206	83
Enterprise	109	66
Meridian, 15th Ave.	373	195
Laurel, First	378	191
New Prospect		
(Lincoln Co.)	117	68
McComb, Friendship	156	103
Yazoo City, First	428	
Woodville	171	114
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	115	81
Laurel, Highland	106	89
Hattiesburg, Temple	414	171
Friendship		
(Lincoln Co.)	108	80
Crystal Springs, First	615	197
Glenfield (Union Co.)	162	143
Bethany (Sunflower Co.)	104	89
Kosciusko, First	598	169
Santa Rosa	101	37
Tula (Lafayette Co.)	38	32
Picayune, Roseland Park	126	65
Lucedale	323	128
New Prospect		
(Lafayette Co.)	74	
Bogue Chitto Pike Co.)	79	87
McComb, (South)	226	
Grenada, Emmanuel	261	81
Corinth, Tate St.	280	92
Mission	64	
Union (Alcorn Co.)	60	85
Wheeler	109	83
Concord (Choctaw Co.)	82	87
Chester (Choctaw Co.)	72	
New Hope (Marion Co.)	116	147
Louisville, First	406	155
Louisville, East	51	32
Louisville, South	44	41
Louisville, West End	36	46
Natchez, West Side	141	75
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	119	50
Meridian		
Oakland Heights	149	59
Rair River		
(Lincoln Co.)	88	61
Bethel (Amite Co.)	55	54
Mt. Zion (Lincoln Co.)	104	63
Pascagoula, First	925	219
Main School	654	131
McArthur Mission	23	
Jackson Ave. Mission	90	37
Orange Grove Mission	53	51
Pearlhaven		
(Lincoln Co.)	114	68
Amity (Choctaw Co.)	76	103
Zion Ponto (toc Co.)	155	135
Newton	500	352
Jackson, Calvary	1269	343
Calvary Mission	64	51
May 18, 1952		
Yazoo City, First	312	125
Brookhaven, First	772	253
Meridian		
Oakland Heights	211	56

The aggregate assets of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention were reported as \$82,664,587.79. Of this amount, the Relief and Annuity Board reported 23 1/2 million dollars.

Sparks & Splinters

Recent visitors to the Baptist Building include a group from Arkadelphia Church in Lauderdale County. The following are all from Bailey: Mrs. Alene Munn, Betty Scrabrough, Carolyn Hughes, Patey Hughes, Johnnie Temple, Peggy Davis, Sue May, Jack Wilson, Nelson Wilson, Tommy Scarbrough, Jimmie Powell, Linda Ratcliff, Mrs. Willard Powell, Becky Powell, Arthur C. Munn, Mrs. Hilda Powell, Mrs. Lester Mae, Mrs. John W. Wilson, Mrs. Mary Law, Mrs. Rebecca Davis, Mrs. Theron Ratcliff, Mr. Theron Ratcliff, Bobby Davis, Patricia May, Perk Ratcliff, Martha Ann Wilson, Dorothy Paris, Howard Rogers, and Rev. Carliss Evans.

"Open House" was held Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5, May 11, 1952 at the lovely new and modern three bedroom pastorium of the New Augusta Church. Many members of the church and other friends came to view the house. The pastor and his wife, Bro. and Mrs. B. Aaron Foy, the deacons and their wives were hosts and hostesses for the occasion.

Grand Rapids, Mich. & The Rev. Craig Massey, pastor of the Independent Bible Church in Altoona, Pa., was named here by the Zondervan Publishing House as the winner of its \$1,000 Juvenile Christian Fiction contest. Mr. Massey was awarded first prize in the contest for his novel, "Flaming Valley," the story of a 16 year old boy's adventures among the Mohawk Indians in Revolutionary War days. The story, according to the contest sponsors, is pervaded throughout by "a wholesome and hearty Christian atmosphere." The book will be published in September.

The state's first alcohol education training course will be held this summer at Millsaps College in Jackson. An outstanding faculty trained at the Yale University Summer School of Alcohol Studies will present the more than 30 lectures and seminars of the two-week training course from June 23 to July 3.

According to Dr. O. P. Moore of Clarke Memorial College, Newton, there was an error under the caption of the picture of the new library at Clarke College which appeared last week in the Baptist Record. The library boasts 6,000 volumes rather than the 1,600 which was reported.

The Oak Grove Church in Phoenix, recently presented their former pastor, Rev. Clarence Buie, with graduation gifts. Mr. Buie, who is graduating from Mississippi College in June, preached at the morning service on May 18 and the pastor, Rev. Robert S. Parker preached at the afternoon service.

The June issue of the Baptist Training Union Magazine carries an article written by Rev. Joe Abrams, State Director of Promotion, regarding the Lauderdale county Training Union Leadership Laboratory held during the fall. The article is accompanied by a picture showing a part of the huge crowd attending one of the services, which were held at Poplar Springs Drive Church.



Rev. W. S. Warren (left above) pastor of the church at Wiggins, is shown handing a check for \$1,447.50 to Dr. H. L. Spencer, secretary of the Baptist Foundation, which is a gift from the church to the Foundation. The gift will be applied at the suggestion of the church to the endowment fund of Mississippi Woman's College.

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Rev. C. E. Patch, Baldwin; Rev. W. R. Prince, Chalbeate; Rev. J. E. Smith, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Bryant, Kokomo; Rev. Artis Brewer, Stringer; Miss Ruth Goodin, St. Louis, Mo.; Maggie Lou Neal, Kreole; Mary Ann Koski, Kreole; Hilda Jones, Kreole; Rev. and Mrs. Melvin T. Wilson, Kreole; Rev. B. E. Phillips, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. James W. Lippencott, Mary Ann and John Charles, Roanoke, Virginia; Mrs. A. C. Brinson, Monticello; Peggy McClelland, Monticello; Mary E. Russell, Monticello; Annette King, Monticello; Rev. J. B. Smith, Magee; Rev. G. W. Smith, Lena; Rev. Russell M. McIntire, Clinton; Spurgeon Cooper, Morton; Minnie Jean Cooper, Morton; Rev. Grady H. Smith, Morton; Rev. Harold Douglas, Summit; Rev. Charles Everitt, Merigold; Rev. O. B. Anderson, Long Beach; Rev. John B. Laney, Calhoun City; E. E. Fairchild, McHenry; Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, Cleveland; Rev. Carl Duck, Morton; Rev. Earl Edwards, McComb; Woodrow W. Herrin, Kansas City, Mo.; Wm. Haralson, Hattiesburg; Betty Sue Wilbanks, Kossuth; Jean Whitten, Shaw; Rev. E. D. Estes, Louisville, and W. W. Izard, Montgomery, Ala.

In the June issue of the Baptist Student appear excellent articles by three Mississippians. "Future Days will Hold as Much," by Mrs. Fred Williams (nee Norma Jean John, wife of the pastor at Glade, and a graduate of Blue Mountain; "Accent on Action," an article on Oliver Emmerich, McComb, newspaper publisher, by Louise Girling, assistant editor of the Baptist Student, who is from Holmesville and is a graduate of Mississippi College; and "What Makes Southern Baptists Tick?" by Charles G. Hamilton, rector of the Episcopal Church, Aberdeen.

Longview church in Oktibbeha County will have their annual homecoming on Sunday, June 1. Rev. Robert L. Wallace, a former pastor, will bring the eleven o'clock message. Lunch will be served picnic style. An interesting program is planned in the afternoon with a special offering to be taken for the church building. Rev. C. E. Snowden is pastor.

Due to the national emphasis and interest in better mental health, Mississippi College at Clinton and Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield will offer a course in Psychopathology this summer at the hospital. The class is open to the general public with or without college credit. The class will meet at the hospital on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 from June 10-August 14. Two semester hours of college credit will be given through Mississippi College for the course and regular tuition fees will be charged. Transportation to and from the two campuses will be provided.

Clinton, Miss., May 23. Professor James T. Luck, Associate Professor of Sacred Music at Mississippi College has resigned to do graduate work on his Doctorate at Florida State University. He has had two successful years at the Clinton institution where he and Mrs. Luck have made many friends. He plans to accept a position at the Fort Worth Seminary after completing work for the Doctorate.

The following have been named medal winners at Mississippi College: Oratory, J. H. Wasson, Vicksburg; Nelson Senior Medal in Oratory and also Lee-Emerson Medal in Debate; Louis Willhite, West Monroe, La., Wallace Sophomore Medal; Miss Dorothy Strong, Jackson, Trotter Junior Medal; Henry White, Natchez, Lee-Emerson Medal in Debate; and Bob Barnette, Clinton, Kyzar Freshman Medal.

Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor of the First Church in Kosciusko, was the visiting evangelist recently in the revival of the Parkview Church, Monroe, La., which was conducted in connection with an associational simultaneous crusade. There were 10 additions and attendance records in both Sunday School and Training Union were broken during the revival. Rev. H. L. Samson is the pastor.

JACKSON, May 28—Mississippi teachers, ministers, physicians, social and health workers will be eligible to attend the North Carolina Summer Studies on Facts About Alcohol to be conducted at Chapel Hill June 9-13 by the N. C. Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program and the University of North Carolina Extension Division. An information folder describing the fees, matriculation, curriculum and staff of the Studies is available at the ARP, Box 9118, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Faith Once Delivered (\$2.50) is by Dr. Clarence C. Macartney, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Penn. It is published by the Abington-Cokesbury Press Nashville, Tenn. This book contains fifteen powerful and timeless sermons which deal with fundamental Christian doctrines. Dr. Macartney analyzes the truths revealed and confirmed in the Scriptures, in life, and in the noble anecdote and incident makes clear their meaning for today. These messages show that the church's mission is to bring men to the knowledge of Christ as eternal Redeemer, that the church has belsted the world; that it endures; of everlasting hope. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publishers.

BSU officers recently elected at Mississippi College, Clinton: George Dukes, president; Hannah, enlistment vice-president; Laura Sheffield, social vice-president; Billie Thaggard, devotional vice-president; Margaret Kern, secretary; Bill Wilson, treasurer; Wahweese Warren and Myers, Sunday School representatives; Sarah Alice Renshaw, Barney Loper, Training Union representatives; Bradley F. publicity chairman; Knighton, talent chairman; Hunter, external relations chairman; Terry Campbell, Baptist-Ridgecrest chairman; Holcomb, volunteer mission president; and Mary Ruth YWA president.

According to the monthly report of receipts by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi gave \$699 through the Cooperative program and \$14,614 designated Southern Baptist receipts during the month are listed as \$15,313.

Every four years the leader of the American people stands before an open Bible in solemn and public ceremony with his right hand upraised, declares: "I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States. . . ." Dr. J. W. Storer, his Three HISTORIC SCRIPTURES gives us the Bible passage chosen by each president from Abraham Lincoln to Harry Truman. He used each passage as the heart of a brief devotional essay. Some of these are directly related to life or administration of the Presidents who selected them. He gives a biographical sketch of each president. Published by the Brown Press, Nashville, Tennessee, it costs \$1.75. This is the fourth book by the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who late in 1951 celebrated his twentieth anniversary with the church. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

James Pittman, president of the College Student Body at Clinton has just informed that he has been designated as the Root-Till-Scholar in the New York University School of Law. This is a \$4,000 scholarship for three years. Pittman is an outstanding student, president of the Student Body, President of the Pre-Law Club, a good athlete. His selection was based on three points, scholarship, extra-curricular activities and potential capacity for unselfish public leadership.

Meditations and Verse (\$1.25) by Ralph S. Cushman is a collection of 28 genuine meditations and poems. The author shows his readers how the true follower of Christ lives in two inseparable worlds—the earthly and the spiritual. These are inspiring and timeless devotions for personal and family use, church or church school, and youth and women's groups. Cushman, long an outstanding leader in denominational and interdenominational affairs, is now rector of the St. Paul, Minnesota area. It is published by the Abington-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publishers.

Thursday, May 29, 1952

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson;
Executive Secretary—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Secretary—Miss Nell Taylor;
Royal Ambassador Secretary—Joel Ray

The sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention is now passed. But long and bright will be the memory of our days in Miami, where Baptist hospitality heightened every moment; the happy reunion with friends whose interest in missions we share; the convention program itself, the pageant presented at the opening session on Sunday afternoon—"Woman's Missionary Union"; with reports of a year's work well done; important business sessions, challenging presentations of plans for the future; quiet periods of worship and meditation; soul-stirring music; and stimulating messages from our own W.M.U. leaders, visiting speakers, and best of all from our home and foreign missionaries. Certainly we will continue to contemplate the theme: "Frontiers of Faith"—evaluating our own faith, seeking to share in the great task of pushing back the frontiers that the waiting world may know, mustering our faith that it may "tune our hearts to hear—and to serve."

Many things impressed me. How I wish I might share it all with you! The women of Miami and of Florida proved unexcelled hostesses. They showered upon us every attention—and they seemed to like the showering! They shared with us so liberally, having, among many, many others, a chairman of coconuts. Every delegate and every visitor received a coconut—in the state of growth many of us had never seen, in its green outer covering just as it came from the palm. Every one also received her own jar of jelly or jam or marmalade, each one put up from Florida citrus orchards by some member of a Florida W.M.S. and they entertained for us all! There was open house at their newly acquired Good Will Center building, where Mrs. Minnelle Graves is in charge. There was also a tea given by the W.M.S. of the Riverside Church honoring all missionaries. There were also two picnics on the beach for the missionaries; how happy we were to know of their royal entertainment! And highlighting the pre-convention meetings of officers and executives was the luncheon on Saturday where Mississippians attending were Mrs. Wilfred Tyler, Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Miss Edwina Robinson, Miss Nell Taylor, and L. This luncheon honored Mrs. W. J. Cox, who is retiring after eighteen years of unparalleled service as W.M.U. treasurer. Here Mrs. Cox was presented with a gift from each of the twenty-two participating states. Mississippi's gift was an oil painting of a scene typical of the Old South and of Natchez. At the luncheon we guests also received gifts—from Florida W.M.S. members—A hibiscus corsage, an enameled pin, so typical of the state, and a jar of home-made jelly. Florida women,

ardson, Maryland, Member of Foreign Mission Board.

Missionaries taking part on the program speaking as "Ambassadors of Christ" were:

1. Mrs. Minnell Graves, who told of her work among the underprivileged in the Good Will Center, Miami, and presented a nine year old girl from the center who gave her testimony and sang.

2. Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, serving the Seminole Indians in Florida, who told of her work, citing the Seminole W.M.S. of 40 members and 40 tithers, and then presented various Seminole groups who gave their testimony, sang, or demonstrated W.M.U. work.

3. Mrs. George Jennings, missionary to Spain, who told of the hunger there, both physical and spiritual, citing their serenity during persecution as a challenge to us in America to practice serenity to replace fear.

4. Mrs. A. P. Pierson, Mexico, in her words, "one of the most religious countries in all the world—but they still need Christ!" Where "all around us we can feel an awakening in our churches for the young people—are taking hold."

5. Miss Frances Roberts, Paraguay, where the laborers are few, where there is "great fanaticism and prejudice, especially against medical work"—in South America, where you can reach the nations of the world."

6. Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, Columbia, who requested prayer for the hospital and the doctors who are "working too hard" giving their all in the new hospital just completed in Baranquilla through Lottie Moon gifts.

7. Mrs. George Green, emeritus missionary to Africa, who told of her visit there to attend the Centennial celebration of Southern Baptist Work in Nigeria—"a living proof of the miracle of prayer."

8. Miss Everly Hayes, the nurse who served with Dr. William Wallace in China, who spent eight months in a concentration camp before being released by the Communists to return home in late 1951.

Chief among the missionary speakers was Dr. Baker James Cauthen, whose message highlighted the whole convention. He spoke of Southern Baptists' advance through suffering. He told of our rapid progress in the Orient, in Japan; of the strong beachheads on the front of Red China—Macao and Hong Kong; of our glorious entry and magnificent sweep into the South East—the Philippines, Siam, Malaya, where we "have unlimited freedom to talk about Jesus"; Indonesia, which Southern Baptist entered in answer to the prayer of that people; the land of Korea, where "Korean Baptist sleep in early graves today."

—MISS ALMARINE BROWN.

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The Radio Commission reports that Southern Baptists are spending fifteen thousand dollars a month to keep its national "Baptist Hour" on the air. This includes purchase time on fifty stations and supplying of broadcast materials to two hundred other stations.



Pictured above is the Vacation Bible School of the church at Wheeler. It was conducted May 5-9 with the largest attendance in the history of the church, 104. Rev. Ivan Lowry is pastor.

The Need For Enlistment Of Non-Resident Members

BY DR. PORTER ROUTH

Editor's Note: Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, is a native of Texas and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. He is a former editor of the Oklahoma Baptist paper and was secretary of the Department of Information, Survey and Statistics of the Sunday School Board from 1945 until last September when he was named executive secretary. He has been senior secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1946.

AWOL has become a term well understood in the American vocabulary.

If the morning headlines should tell the startling news that one fourth of the American soldiers were absent without leave, we would immediately become disturbed about our defenses. Congress would call for an immediate investigation. Top generals would scurry to the Pentagon for round-the-clock conferences. The Kremlin would start its propaganda mills grinding out the hilarious news that the American army was falling to pieces.

Yes, we would have a right to be disturbed, but we become complacent when we read year after year—and I might say parenthetically that this problem is not one which has arisen within the last few months—that 25.2 per cent of Southern Baptist church members are nonresident, or absent without leave, to use a more common term.

The problem is one which must be faced by the pastor in the city and in the open country, for the records show that 22.8 per cent of the membership reported by city churches is nonresident, while 30.5 per cent of the open-country church membership is nonresident.

It is a problem which is present in every state, although some states seem to have kept better records than others. For example, Maryland reports only 15 per cent of its membership as nonresident, while Arkansas, Illinois, and Oklahoma all report slightly more than 30 per cent of their membership as nonresident.

The greatest problem is in the open-country churches with services only once a month. In Arkansas, in these churches with services only once a month, nearly half of the membership is reported as nonresident. The same is true for Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. For the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole, 33.7 per cent of the open-country church

membership with services only once a month is reported as nonresident.

To see the real need, one must study these amazing facts for only a moment:

In the field of evangelism, if we can assume that the 375,000 baptisms were reported as the result of the labors of the five and a half million resident members, then we can see that the 1,900,000 nonresident members, if found and put to work with the same efficiency or inefficiency, the same zeal or the same lack of zeal, we would have reported last year 133,000 more people won to Christ.

If we can assume that most of the \$223 million in gifts to the churches were given by the five and a half million resident members, then if the nonresident members could be found and enlisted with the same sense of stewardship or lack of stewardship as the resident members, Southern Baptist churches would have reported last year nearly \$80 million additional gifts.

And in the field of promoting a worldwide missionary objective, if these nonresident members would have been enlisted and would have given as the resident members gave, then mission causes in the Southern Baptist Convention would have received more than \$13 million in additional funds during the past year.

The need is evident, but may I take this last moment to forget the millions, to forget the thousands, to forget the hundreds, and recall to my own life that I am interested in one. He is a nonresident church member. He needs the influence of the church. The church needs his service. We must seek to win the hundreds and the thousands and the millions back to a vital relationship, but we must never forget that we must win them one by one.

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This spring the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia recently graduated the largest class in its history with 118 receiving degrees. Dr. William F. Powell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, addressed the Baccalaureate Service held in the new Curtis Lee Memorial Chapel on Sunday afternoon, May 18.

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Mr. Robert S. Cook, who comes to the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board as director of adult work will receive his degree as Doctor in Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary in June, and through leadership in training union al through his high school, college and seminary work, is well equipped for the work he has chosen and been elected to. He begins his work July 1st, and will be a blessing to the entire southland as he makes his contribution to the work the Training Union for our adult constituency.

Miss LaVerne began her work with the Training Union Department, southwide, on April 1st, this year. She is the Director of Primary work, a department that is fast coming into its own as a unit of Training Union. Miss Ashby holds a degree in Elementary Education from Teachers College, Kansas City, Mo. and the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth. For the past two years she has served as Educational Director of Inskip Baptist church, Knoxville, and for the past year has been the Associational Director in her association. We welcome Miss Ashby in to the fast growing circle of Training Union Workers. Our southwide workers welcome suggestions and requests from church and associational leaders. Get acquainted with them.

NEXT WEEK! Begins the District Conventions. The least you can do is to pray for a blessing upon each of these fifteen meetings. Pastors, Directors, did you post the poster you received about these meetings. They tell the story, giving the schedule and program.

YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

CONTINUE TO COME IN

Quoting from Rev. Boyd Armstrong, pastor Southwide Columbus Youth Week "It is high in my esteem but I have always had it in the churches I pastor. I have only been here long enough to have this one, but will have it each year. It is a very valuable thing to the growth of the church. Every church owes it to their young people. I now of no better way to in-

terest and help them in developing an appreciation of the church. Our Church his only two and a half years old, with 225 members but on the Sunday following Youth Week we had 101 in service below the age of 25."

Quoting Faye Wilkes, Educational Secretary of Poplar Springs Meridian, "The spirit was wonderful and together with the enthusiasm of our adults, it was truly a significant week. The last Sunday in which they were completely in charge was one of the highest spiritual hours our church has ever experienced. Many dedications were made, many decisions, one profession of faith, two joined the church by letter. We plan to have it every year."

From North Carrollton, reported by Gwendolyn Compere—"It not only gave its participants a feeling of responsibility which they never before had experienced, but it opened the eyes of the adults to the possibilities and capabilities of the young people, talents previously thought to be hidden or unknown were revealed. The adults also found out more about their own duties as they instructed the young people in their duties."

If you haven't had Youth Week you can still have it. Anytime is a good time for it. Make your plans now, ask for the leaflet, we will be happy to send it to you. Give the Young People a chance to try their wings!

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Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour program on Sunday, June 1.

The following stations in Mississippi and Memphis, Tennessee carry the Baptist Hour program:

WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 PM; WCLD, Cleveland, 6:00 PM; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 PM; WJPR, Greenville, 6:00 PM; FM-WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 PM; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 PM; WAPF, McComb, 9:00 AM; WCOC, Medidian, 3:30 PM; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15; WHBJ, Memphis, 9:00 PM

LAUDERDALE BAPTISTS ORGANIZE NEW CHURCH

MERIDIAN — A new Baptist church was formally organized Sunday, May 25. For the past year, a group known as the State Boulevard church has been meeting in homes in the neighborhood and Sunday the organization of the new church was completed. A temporary building has been constructed on the lot on State Boulevard and in it the group met for the important meeting.

The Rev. T. L. Pfeifer, pastor of Forty-first Avenue Baptist church, and moderator of the Lauderdale county Baptist association, presided. The organization sermon was delivered by Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor of the Poplar Springs Drive church and association mission chairman.

The Rev. W. H. Henderson has been acting pastor of the congregation. Sunday marked the beginning of a two weeks organization revival with the Rev. Mr. Henderson conducting and the Rev. William Green of New Albany, directing the music.

Officers of county Baptist churches formed the organization council.

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Monticello Church Honors The Hornes

Members of the Monticello church in conference for the final church sermon by the retiring pastor, the Rev. D. O. Horne, passed a resolution highly commending the faithful service of the pastor for twenty two years and pledging the prayers of the church for him and his family as they go to a new field of work.

The pastor began his work on May 16 as associational missionary for the Mississippi Association. The retiring pastor was also presented a cash love gift from members of the church and a complete service for eight in sterling silver from seven families of the church. The Rev. and Mrs. Horne and members of their family were also presented other cash gifts, a new gas stove, a check from the Carmel Baptist church where Mr. Horne served as pastor for fifteen years and other gifts. They were honored with an "Open House" and Mrs. Horne was the honoree for a shower of beautiful gifts, with the Woman's Missionary Society sponsoring this shower and women of the town participating. A desk pen was presented by the Monticello Methodist church to Mr. Horne. Among evidences of growth during the ministry of the retiring pastor were going from a half time church to full time services; the erection of a modern brick church building and brick parsonage valued at \$75,000 and an increase in church expenditures from a total \$2,632 in 1936 to \$14,408 in 1952.

Many former members of the church from various points in the State came to Monticello to attend the closing service of the ministry of Mr. Horne.

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RIDGECREST SPEAKER



LIEUT. GOV. CARROLL GARTIN

Leadership of the Brotherhood in the states will be happy to learn that Mr. Carroll Gartin, Lieutenant-Governor of Mississippi, is to be the featured speaker for "Brotherhood Night" at Ridgecrest, August 16.

Lieutenant-Governor Gartin is an outstanding speaker. W. R. Roberts, Mississippi Brotherhood secretary, says of him, "He is capable of gracing the platform of any meet-

ing in the Southern Baptist Convention." We know that he will inspire and encourage the hearts of those who will be privileged to hear him at Ridgecrest.

Not only has Gartin been an outstanding success in the political field, he has proven himself a faithful and devoted Christian. He is active in his own church, Laurel, and serves as the Mississippi member of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It may be said that from all advance indications, our Ridgecrest Conference this year, August 14-16 is going to be one of the best we have ever held. Advance registration is good. The program, already prepared (subjects to be assigned early next month), will feature periods of open discussion, instruction, and audio-visual presentations. If you expect to attend and have not already done so, write at once to Willard K. Weeks, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, for reservations.

(The above is a news release from George Schroeder, Southwide Brotherhood Secretary)

Calvary Church, Jackson Has Homecoming June 1

Homecoming will be held at Calvary Church, Jackson on June 1 with an old-fashioned basket dinner served on the grounds.

Dr. Harold Basden, Pastor, and Tom Chaney, educational director, in announcing the homecoming stated that on that day a program of advance would be launched.

Friends and former members over the state are invited to attend.

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The 1951 Lottie Moon Offering amounted to \$2,668,051.30. One million dollars of this amount was given in Texas and forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board in one check.

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PEYTON MOORE



MYRTLE COOPER

Pictured above are Peyton Moore, preacher, and Myrtle Ann Cooper, pianist, of Belzoni and Aberdeen, respectively, and both students of Miss. College, who are among the eighteen who have thus far qualified for Youth-led Revival work in Mississippi during the summer months. Frank Horton, Drew, BSU Secretary for Sunflower Junior College and Mary Sue Collier, of Forest and MSCW have qualified since last report. Miss. Baptists, let's keep these young people busy! Let us hear from you.

POTPOURRI

At this writing we have 100 Miss. students planning to attend Student Retreat at Ridgecrest June 4-11. Registration must now be arranged directly with the management up there. Bus fares (\$20 round trip per person) due in our office by May 31. Be praying for the greatest student gathering ever held... The first of June will find about 8,000 Baptist youth marching home from college to the communities of Mississippi. Will they go unenlisted? Will they be ignored? Will their talents, their enthusiasm go unused?—Adapted... Gloria Hall's summer address: c/o Rev. Willis J. Ray, Box 590, Phoenix, Ariz. ... Graduating Seniors, may God's best blessings be yours. Don't forget to transfer your church membership... So many privileges have been ours during past weeks like speaking at Belhaven's Installation of Officers, at State Rel. Ed. Ass'n. meeting, for Pastor Vernon May at Tylertown, et al. ... May's Baptist Student features Mississippians Louise Girling, Sibyl Brame Townsend, W. O. Vaught, Leo Green, Leo Eddleman, Hugh Brimm, John Allen Moore, Norman Price, Felix Arnold, Ted Clark, Benny Loyd; June's, Norma Jean John Williams, Oliver Emerich, Charles G. Hamilton, helping to keep it the best student magazine anywhere...

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Blue Mountain, Miss., May 27—Joseph Johnston Lowery, 86, of Blue Mountain, the only surviving son of General Mark Perrin Lowrey, recently planted a white pine tree on the campus of Blue Mountain College in the approximate place his father planted the same variety in 1875, two years after he founded the college. The tree planted by General Lowrey was destroyed by lightning 12 years ago.

Kosciusko Observes Rev. A. B. Pierce's Third Anniversary

On Sunday, May 4, the First Church of Kosciusko, observed the third anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Pierce.

Many accomplishments have been recorded by pastor and people there during these three years, including the erection of a commodious \$300,000 building.

There have been 583 additions to the church, 251 for baptism. Average attendance in Sunday School has grown from 412 to 659, Training Union attendance has more than doubled and a Brotherhood has been organized.

The number of tithers has grown 300 percent and offerings increased from \$29,494 in 1948 to \$87,941.03 last year.

Writing in their church bulletin the pastor says, "For all this we thank God and take courage."

The church has recently completed a most successful revival meeting with Dr. E. N. Wilkinson of Lexington, Ky., preaching and C. Lamar Alexander of Pascagoula leading the music.

There were 43 additions, 32 of them for baptism.

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HOME MISSIONS AT RIDGECREST

BY JOHN CAYLOR

Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest this year will be August 14-19. The time is abbreviated but the program is full.

It is the hope of the Home Mission Board executives that Baptist friends who desire a week of rest, relaxation, and inspiration in the mountains will give the five days to Ridgecrest and the emphasis on home missions.

Outstanding Speakers

The pastor for Home Mission Week will be W. A. Criswell again. His dynamic messages are always challenging and inspiring. It is a time of great preaching. Missionary addresses will be delivered by C. C. Warren, Monroe Swilley, Robert E. Naylor, and Hugh R. Bumpas.

Bible Study

Dr. Walter L. Moore, of Meridian, Mississippi, will conduct the Bible hour from 9:00 to 9:45 every morning of Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest. The study will be Ephesians. The emphasis will be on the New Testament church.

Mission Emphases

All the departments of the Home Mission Board will be presented in demonstration and conference at Ridgecrest. The Baptist Brotherhood of the South will be meeting with the home mission group and will furnish Saturday night's inspirational program as well as conduct its own conference and cooperate in the general services.

Make your plans to spend five days with us at Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest August 14-19.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
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MISS MARTHA CAROLYN WELLS, Office Secretary

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

We had 1138 schools in Mississippi last year. In these schools we enrolled over one hundred thousand boys and girls and faculty members. We led to Christ over one thousand boys and girls. We found over seven thousand boys and girls of the enrolment not in Sunday School. This gives us a few of the high lights of our Vacation Bible School work in our state last year, and it suggests some things to us who are interested vitally in making this part of our work as effective as possible.

If we increase the number of our schools, we will provide this Bible teaching ministry for many more of our boys and girls. This is said not to give emphasis to the obvious, but to point out that over six hundred of our churches did not have this program for this summer if they do not get help. Who can help them? Those of us who are interested can go help them. It would be a great mission project for us if we can possibly put at least one Mission Vacation Bible School into our summer program. Since we are largely confined to about three months to hold Vacation Bible Schools, we certainly would need to set up the work soon. In the main July will be the best time for most of the rural churches for this.

We have for the asking many helps for the workers with your boys and girls. Among others that might help are the packages of Free elps and the Textbook Study Leaflets.

Visual Aids

Recently we purchased a limited amount of equipment for visual aids. We have very definitely thought over what wise use could be made of these if used in a local church. Two things occurred to us. First, that it could be so easy to be pointless in the use of projected visual aids. That is using slides just for the sake of having a showing without any relation to enriching our study or teaching would be perhaps more harmful than good. It is said that we retain from sixty to eighty percent of that we see, and surely our slides or movies ought to be very definitely related to making our teaching more effective. Again, it occurred

to this writer that wise plans ought to be made for the use of all materials and equipment. The department of Visual Aids, Nashville, Tenn. could doubtless give much valuable information. The workers there would gladly send all the reading materials they had and would give wise counsel for your procedure. The Baptist Book Store of our state also has a worker who would give helpful suggestions to get us on the right track as we planned our program of visual aids. It certainly would be very good if the person in charge of this work in your church could have a copy of Mr. Earl Waldrup's book, Using Visual Aids in a Church. As an after thought about this matter of using visual aids, we want to put in a plug for blackboards and maps. These are our most common aids and perhaps for many they would be mostly easily secured. We could enrich many times our teaching effectiveness if all the churches could get or build blackboards and buy a few maps. These two items are available from the Baptist Book Store in almost any size or amounts we would want.

Teacher Training

It is becoming more and more the conviction of our churches that it is good to help people who are requested to take places to have training in what they are to do and how they are to do their work. In the average local church it would be difficult to have enough training courses to help all the workers, but many of our finest workers do not let that stop them. They get the books that would help them with their work and individually study them. All of our study course books can be used in that way. There are suggestions in each of our books about how the worker can get credit for the study. It is true now that we can get an award for a book as often as the good is taken. All of our books are designed to help our people to do a better job where we have asked them to serve.

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Roseland Park, Picayune Votes To Proceed With Building Plans

The Roseland Park Church, Picayune recently voted to proceed with building plans. A 150 x 250 lot has already been purchased. The Survey and Planning Committee consists of the following:

C. L. Albritton, J. C. Williams, Ray Stockstill, Mrs. Belton Watts and Mrs. J. W. Odom. The Finance Committee is composed of: J. C. Jarrell, Bob Cayten, Jack McQueen, Belton Watts, and Frank Frierson. Construction will begin as soon as these committees have made sufficient progress.

According to the pastor, Rev. C. E. James, the building program is necessitated because of the rapid growth of the church. The Sunday School enrollment has grown to 305 and the Training Union to 143.

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Six Associations 100% in Baptisms

By DR. C. E. WILBANKS

The 1951 Mississippi Baptist Convention annual, lists six associations in Mississippi, which were 100 per cent in baptisms. That is, every church in these six associations reported baptisms in 1951. The associations with the names of the Moderators are listed below:

Deer Creek, Dr. Wilford M. Lee, Leland, Miss.

George, Rev. Marvin K. Lee, Lucedale, Miss.

Marion, Dr. Mark Lowry, Columbia, Miss.

Oktibbeha, Rev. Wilburn S. Smith, Starkville, Miss.

Sunflower, Mr. W. N. Gist, Indianola.

Warren, Rev. Leo W. Mangum, Vicksburg, Miss.

When we think of 74 associations in the state and realize that only six were 100 per cent in baptisms, it startles and sobers us all at once. That means that a little less than one association in each twelve had the experience of every church baptizing new converts in 1951.

Congratulations to these six, and a scriptural challenge to the other sixty-eight—"Go thou, and do likewise."

—BR—

President Truman, a Baptist who frequently in the past has attended the First Baptist Church in Washington has not darkened the door of that institution since Dr. Edwar Hughes Pruden, its pastor, spoke out clearly against the proposed Vatican appointment last fall.

W. J. MURRAY ORDAINED



REV. WILSON J. MURRAY

Rev. Wilson J. Murray, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the Southside Baptist Church, Jackson. Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor, was in charge of the ordination service.

The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. Andrew Chandler, pastor of the Tangipahoa Church in Pike county, and a relative of Mr. Murray. Others participating in the service were: Deacon R. D. Russell, Southside, report of the Presbytery and presentation of the candidate; Rev. Grady Goodman, Jr., Mayersville and Clarke College, ordination prayer; Rev. L. S. Polk, Eastside Church, Jackson, Charge to the Candidate; Rev. Jimmie Yarbrough, Westview, Jackson, Charge to the Church; Rev. Jim Shanahan, Lone Pine Church in Madison County, presentation of the Bible which was a gift from the Southside Church; and Rev. Caley Ray Nichols, Palestine Church in Simpson county, presentation of ordination certificate.

Others serving on the Presbytery were Rev. W. L. Compere, Northside, Jackson; Rev. Jack Nazary, West Jackson; and Deacons L. E. Sullivan, New Sardis Church; Abram Roberts, Westview; J. D. Bridges, Forest Hill; and the following from Southside: Louis Seals, R. W. Embry, W. T. Cooper, L. W. Everett, J. H. Bunyard and J. C. Landrum.

Mr. Murray is a student at Clarke College and is serving as pastor of the New Sardis Church in Simpson county. Before accepting the call to the ministry he was a Deacon and active worker side Church.

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The Blue Mountain College Baptist Student Union has been again granted the "First Magnitude" award by the Southern Baptist student headquarters, Nashville, Tenn. Annually, the headquarters ranks the colleges of the South on the excellence of the student religious program and makes the award on that basis. Blue Mountain has won the award for twenty-two of the last twenty-four successive sessions, a record no other college has approximated. Miss Jane Ray Bean is student secretary.



Dr. Landrum

BAPTIST BELIEFS

By DR. JOHN W. LANDRUM

Discussing the

"Articles of Faith"

Adopted by

First Baptist Church, Canton, Miss.

ARTICLE 10

We believe that it is the solemn duty of every sincere believer in Christ to confess Him by avowing that belief publicly, and to follow Him in Christian baptism, which is the immersion of the whole body of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, thus symbolizing his faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour and his determination to rise to newness of life; that baptism is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church commemorate the dying love of Christ and show forth His death until His return.

Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. No believer should be. Although God desires secret devotions, He does not like secret discipleship.

Baptism has no power to save man. Nothing over which man has control has such power. We accept the Bible, and Christ said "baptize" which means "immerse." To do less is disobedience.

Baptism, for the right purpose, in the right spirit, with the right authority, is prerequisite to partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Riverside Church, Clarksdale Is Organized On May 8



In the picture above are seen many of the 73 charter members of the newly organized Riverside Church in Clarksdale, Rev. C. C. Carraway, pastor. The members are pictured in a temporary building.

Mother's Day Program Climaxes Youth Revival At Moak's Creek Church

The Youth Revival recently held at Moak's Creek Church in Lincoln county was led by Rev. Dan Holcomb, evangelist, Bradley Pope song leader, and Joan Standly, pianist, all Mississippi College students.

The climax of the revival was the special Mother's Day program presented by the men. Thirty-three mothers were awarded corsages for having every living child present. Mrs. Jim Green was honored for having the largest number of children and grandchildren present, 30 in number. The oldest mother present was Mrs. Alice Moak, 83, an invalid.

A special feature of the day was the honoring of the mothers of the Cradle Roll. The department was cleverly decorated by Mrs. Harold Douglas, wife of the pastor and superintendent of the department.

A record attendance in Sunday School was made according to H. L. Thornhill, Sunday school superintendent.

As a result of a revival meeting which was promoted by the Riverside Associational Missionary, Rev. M. C. Waldrup, a church, later named Riverside, was organized on May 8. Rev. C. C. Carraway, evangelist for the meeting, was called as pastor. Rev. J. H. Sherman of Darling led the music during the revival.

Speakers for the occasion were Dr. Chester L. Quarles, State Executive Secretary, and Mr. Carraway, who delivered the charge to the church.

The charter membership represents all who united with the church during the revival meeting—49 by transfer of letter and 26 by baptism.

Joe Chadwick was elected treasurer and Miss Anna Smith was elected clerk.

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Panola-Yalobusha Mission Program

SIXTH OF SERIES



J. W. OLIVER

Eight new church buildings, two churches remodeled or enlarged, functioning associational organizations, a healthy increase in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Training Union enrollment, regular workers clinics, five new Sunday Schools, two new Training Unions, two new Brotherhoods, and the conducting of simultaneous association-wide campaigns are but a few of the accomplishments of the Panola-Yalobusha Association mission program during the past five years.

The missionary who guided that program during those years was Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, who recently resigned to become pastor of Morrison Chapel Church in Bolivar Association.

Looking more closely at the above facts we learn that the average Training Union enrollment in the two counties increased 108 per cent, Sunday School enrollment increased 34 per cent and Vacation Bible School enrollment showed an increase of 132 per cent.

Simultaneous association-wide Sunday School and Training Union campaigns are sponsored regularly as well as clinics for Sunday School Training Union and Vacation Bible School workers.

Although two associations with a total of 43 churches were co-operating in the program, the missionary was able to promote the work in both associations satisfactorily. The associations are well organized with meetings conducted regularly.

Additional activities resulting from the mission program have been many religious censuses, every-member canvasses, church revivals, study courses and other similar work.

Missionary Oliver is a graduate of Mississippi Southern College and the Southwestern Seminary, in Ft. Worth. He has held pastorates in Texas and Mississippi.

In connection with his promotion of the associational program, he traveled more than 90,000 miles, made many home visits, conducted many conferences and attended the various state and denominational conventions and conferences in line with his work.

The mission program of Panola-

Stewart Church Dedicates Church Building June 1

On June 1 members of the Stewart Church will dedicate their new church building debt free. It is a frame building finished outside with white asbestos shingles and inside with sheetrock. It has hardwood floors. New pews have been installed.

Rev. H. H. Ward, Montgomery-Carroll Associational Missionary, will bring the sermon at the eleven o'clock hour and Rev. R. L. Cooke, former pastor, will bring the message in the afternoon.

Rev. J. W. Nolen, pastor, extends a cordial welcome to the public and announces that lunch will be served by the host church.

Serving on the building committee are: Roy Burns, Lonnie McGarrath, M. B. Peeples, Albert Griffin, Arnold Jacks, James Suber and Tommie McDonald.

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Accreditation Granted Hospital Nurses School

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing last week was granted temporary national accreditation for a five year period by the National Nursing Accrediting Service. It is one of only six schools of nursing in the state receiving this national recognition.

It is considered that temporary accrediting now is preliminary to receiving full national accreditation within the next five year period. Schools of Nursing receiving this accreditation now will be expected to reach certain higher standards and criteria within this period and will then make application for full accreditation. The Baptist Hospital School of Nursing anticipates no unsurmountable difficulty in applying for and receiving full accreditation in the not too distant future.

Officials at the hospital further point out that this national recognition is another forward step in its School of Nursing which down through the years has trained and sent out more graduate nurses by far than any other institution in our state. Baptist Hospital graduates can be found throughout the country and in foreign lands. An additional 37 nurses are being graduated this year.

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President H. D. Bruce of the East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas did the preaching in a series of evangelistic services in the First Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska. During the series of meetings there were 41 additions to the church. The church was organized in the summer of 1944. The pastor, Rev. Felton H. Griffin worked at secular labor for the first two years in order that he and his family might live while he served God in that rapidly growing city. The church now has about 600 members. It has helped to build four other churches in Anchorage and has helped a number of churches to get started in the other Alaskan cities.

Yalobusha counties has paid tremendous dividends, many which cannot be tabulated in black and white.

PRENTISS BEGINS REVIVAL JUNE 8

The revival of the Prentiss Baptist Church will begin on Sunday, June 8, and will continue for one week. Services will be held each week day at 7:30 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m., according to Joseph Dale, chairman of the Board of Deacons. Dr. L. E. Green is pastor.

A giant fish fry for the Baptist men of the community is planned at the church on the night of June 2 in order that the men might become more closely knit in their personal relationships with each other and in their work for this meeting.

Fred Yates, of the New Orleans Seminary, has recently become the minister of music and education, replacing Blaine Grose.

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Allocation For Church Clock Blocked

BATON ROUGE, La.—(RNS)—A routine allocation by the City Council of \$100 a year to help maintain the clock at St. Joseph's Catholic church here has been blocked.

Councilman Richard C. Cadwalader, a leader of the opposition, contends that use of public funds for the clock violates constitutional provisions for the separation of church and state. He said that if the City Council makes the money available to the church—for the clock, other churches could make similar claims upon the government.

(Editor's Note: Why should public funds be used to maintain a church clock?)

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES BY REV. LEON V. YOUNG, Cilton, Miss.

Called and Accepted:

B. L. Hill, High Hill Church, Darlington, S. C. from Florence, S. C.

Curtis Erwin, Magness Memorial, McMinnville, Tenn., from Macedonia, Owensboro, Ky.

L. H. Dawson, Deep Creek, Va. David J. Wells, West Hartsville, S. C. from Eutawville, S. C.

James C. Cammack, Jr., First, Rock Hill, S. C., from 1st, Smithfield, N. C.

James H. Gullledge, Johns Island, S. C.

Paul Youngs, Lee's Lane Church, Louisville, Ky.

Arnold Cool, Central Grove, Albany, Ky.



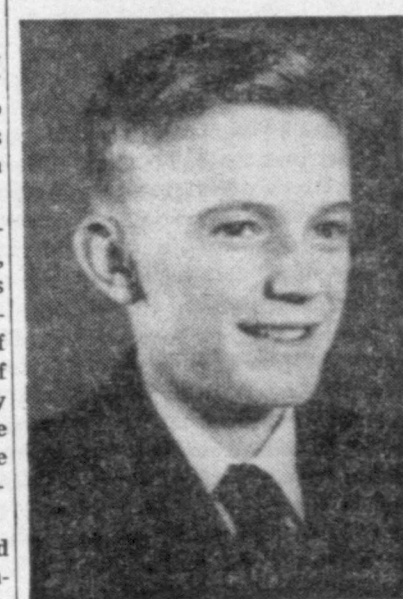
THOMAS THURMAN



SUE JACKSON

In the annual election at Clarke Memorial College, Thomas Thurman from Monticeno was elected Editor for the 1952-53 SEER. He won by a narrow margin over Edward Dobson from Port Gibson. Sue Jackson of Natchez, having no opposition, was unanimously elected Business Manager.

Bobby R. Parker Licensed



BOBBY RAY PARKER

Bobby Ray Parker (above) was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by the Oak Grove church in Phoenix. Mr. Parker is the sixteen year old son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Parker of Phoenix.

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In a comparison of Cooperative Program receipts for the month of April in 1951 and 1952, Mississippi gave \$8,870 more this year than last year. Mississippians designated \$26,308 more this April than last. The Southern Baptist gifts through the Cooperative program this April exceeded last year's gifts in April by \$365,296 and in designated gifts by \$604,077.

136 Decisions During Calvary, Jackson, Revival

Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Mississippi's Director of Evangelism, led in the spring revival meeting held recently at Calvary Church in Jackson. According to the oldest members, this is the first two weeks' revival ever held at Calvary. And it was felt by the entire membership that it was the best revival meeting in the history of the church, according to Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor.

There was a total of 136 decisions—58 by baptism—42 by letter—and 36 public decisions for rededication or surrender to Christian service.

Concerning Dr. Wilbanks, Pastor Basden said:

"During these two weeks I worked intensely with Dr. C. E. Wilbanks and I have the deepest appreciation of his concern for lost people. Mississippi Baptists are richly blessed of God to have a man like C. E. Wilbanks lead our program of evangelism. His heart is literally on fire for the welfare of the lost. His spirit is one of complete cooperation and harmony with the program of the local church. I am greatly encouraged when I consider that God has led the Baptists of Mississippi in the choice of our director of evangelism. I do not have any reservation when I say that God has put the work of evangelism among Mississippi Baptists in the safe hands of a choice man of God."

Gulf Coast Association Simultaneous Revival

Church	Pastor	Additions By Baptism	Total Additions	Evangelist
Biloxi, First	Dr. G. C. Hodge	18	37	Rev. Hoffman Harris
Biloxi, Second	Rev. Ray Rust	21	40	Rev. F. A. Williams
Biloxi, Big Ridge	Rev. F. H. Haggard			
Bay St. Louis	Rev. Schuyler Baston	11	29	Rev. Ercil Barker
Gulfport, 1st	Dr. Joe T. Odle	85	153	Dr. C. Y. Dossey
Gulfport, East Side	Rev. Dan Morton	13	13	Rev. Chester Quarles
West Gulfport	Rev. E. S. Flynt	1	3	Rev. W. R. Storie
Grace Memorial	Rev. P. S. Dodge, Jr.	10	14	
Long Beach	Rev. John W. Green	1	10	Pastor
Logtown	Rev. Fred S. Roth	11	11	Pastor
Lyman	Rev. N. J. Lee		4	Rev. Troy Sumrall
Pass Christian	Rev. W. S. Allen	11	14	
New Hope	Rev. Robert C. Clardy	1	5	
Pass Road	Rev. Thos. F. Henry	7	8	
Woolmarket	Rev. W. C. Wyatt			

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

THE RECORD HELPED

Each year the Baptist Record reminds the churches that they should send their pastors to the Southern Baptist Convention. It is gratifying to know that many do this. More gratifying is the fact that several pastors have thanked the Baptist Record editor by letter and word for these suggestions. Below we quote from one of the many letters received concerning this.

"I want to thank you for sending me, to the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami. Of course, you did not pay my expenses but had you not urged churches to send their pastors, I do not believe it would have occurred to my church to send me. After reading your editorial one of the deacons brought it up in conference and the church gladly and unanimously voted to send me. Thanks again."

Pine Grove Is Back

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Pine Grove Church, Simpson County, back on the growing list of churches that have made the Baptist Record a part of their program. A few months ago they felt it necessary to discontinue the EVERY FAMILY Plan but it is now back and we'll keep them up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad by reading the Baptist Record.

Rev. G. O. Parker is pastor and L. C. Ates is the treasurer.

Record readers listed in Simpson County are now listed as follows: Antioch 23; Athens 1; Beulah 7; Braxton 44; Coats 11; Campbell's Creek 12; D'Lo 37; Fork (Bethlehem) 47; Goodwater 6; Harrisville 41; Holley Grove 30; Macedonia 60; Magee 205; Mendenhall 119; Mt. Zion 85; New Hope 39; Oak Grove 58; Pine Grove 23; Pinola 57; Pleasant Hill 62; Pleasant Valley 35; Shivers 30; Siloam 28; Stonewall 30; Strong River 37; Weathersby 40; New Bethlehem 1; Saratoga 21; and Corinth 41.

Fellowship Church

The people of Fellowship Church in Union Association appreciated and enjoyed the BAPTIST RECORD for two months under the Promotion Plan so much that they adopted the EVERY FAMILY PLAN.

They felt that they wanted the BAPTIST RECORD permanently so that they could join that large number of Mississippi Baptists who keep themselves informed.

Rev. Walter B. Thetford is the progressive pastor of this church who was instrumental in leading the church to take that important step.

Record readers in Union Association are now listed as follows: HERMANVILLE 30, PORT GIBSON 29, Shiloh 17, BEECH GROVE 22, FELLOWSHIP 32, BETHESDA 25, ELMO 24, FAYETTE 74, Red Lick 18, UNION CHURCH 48, UNITY 26, NATCHEZ, IMMANUEL 77, NATCHEZ, FIRST 502, NATCHEZ, WEST SIDE 184, CRANFIELD 25, WASHINGTON 45, and Spring Field Chapel 17.

To Verona Pastorate



REV. DON SHEFFIELD

Rev. Don Sheffield, a recent graduate of the New Orleans Seminary, has accepted the pastorate of the church at Verona. While a student in the Seminary he was pastor of the New Hope Church at Franklinton, La., and previously he was pastor of the First Church of Watts, Okla.

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United Drys . . .

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thorough organization by districts, counties and precincts.

Attention was focussed on the fact that the liquor question is distinctly a moral issue, and church leadership, both lay and ministerial, is to be rallied for the drive to get dry voters to the polls.

The state will vote August 26 whether or not to permit local option liquor in counties of the state. The legislature authorized the straw vote at the recent session, and pledged itself to regard to result as a mandate for repeal on a local option basis, or for strong law enforcement on a statewide basis. "Anticipating the August 26th liquor referendum, the group registered a spirit of both optimism and determination," dry leaders said. "Those present were resolved that the truth concerning this moral issue shall be sounded in every community, large or small, in our state."

"Recognizing the fact that one-half the state has already been organized, steps were taken for immediate organization of the remaining counties on a precinct basis," the organization spokesman added.

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Bank Robber . . .

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and girls how easy it is to fall into a life of crime."

Mrs. Johnson, who was a member of the church when she met and married her husband, was given credit for having converted him to religion and influenced his decision to "get right with God."

"We will be all right, this is the only way," she told reporters adding that she was willing to go to go to work to support their child if her husband goes to jail.

If convicted of the crime, Johnson faces a possible prison sentence of ten to 50 years. As he spoke Johnson was free on \$5,000 bail. On the day before the public confession he had gone with Mr. Brumme to turn himself over to authorities of the county in which the bank robbery took place.

"I was only 19 when the burglary occurred," Johnson said in

First Indian . . .

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ing the first Indian to teach on the faculty of a white school in Mississippi.

At an early age Fannie Lou was impressed that she was called for religious service among her people and so she resigned after teaching one year at Ellard in order to continue her education.

She enrolled at Clarke Memorial for two years and then went to Blue Mountain College. While in college she worked during three summers in Vacation Bible Schools among the Choctaws in Leake, Neshoba, Newton and Jones counties.

She could not see where the money for her education was coming from, but her faith in and love of God provided the courage to attempt it. Working opportunities in college enabled her to earn part of her expenses. The Baptist Home Mission Board, on the recommendation of Rev. W. W. Simpson, gave her a substantial scholarship each year. The rest of the money was provided by the Lee County Baptist Association, the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, Hickory, N. C., and a friend in Union.

While at Blue Mountain College, Fannie Lou majored in Bible and minored in English. She was popular with both faculty and students. She served as-treasurer of the Baptist Student Union Council, secretary of the Athletic Association, vice-president of the Young Woman's Auxiliary, and has been active in all of the religious organizations on the campus.

Fannie Lou is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ben, Carthage. Her father is the first Choctaw ever to be summoned for jury service in Mississippi. He was called to serve on a petit jury in Leake county and on a federal grand jury in Jackson.

The other Ben children believe in education too. A brother, Henry, is a student in Mississippi College and a sister, Helen, is in the high school department of Clarke College.

his confession. "One day a very good friend of mine asked me if I would like to make some easy money, and I asked him how. When he said 'by robbing a bank,' I thought he must be crazy."

"But I was in debt. I was about to lose my car because I couldn't make the payments. I had spent a lot of money on a girl. Just then I got a court summons about the car payments, and I was scared. I thought the bank robbery would be a way to get some money and get out of the country."

After the crime, Johnson said, he and his young friend bought a car and went to Texas for a few days. Following his return to Kansas, he said, he became involved in some minor offenses but "the Lord kept telling me I was a lost soul and I had to do something about it."

Johnson said it was his wife's interest in the church, when he met her two years ago, that led him to "finding God" although a religious tract he got through the mail had influenced him greatly.

"I don't know who sent it, but I thank God for it," he said.

DELAND UNIVERSITY OFFERS FINANCIAL AID TO NEEDY STUDENTS

In DeLand, Florida, Stetson University will open the summer semester, June 16, marking the second year of the new Co-operative Education department with 40 young men and women working their way through college on this plan.

Through this plan young men and women attended college 4 1/2 months and work at their chosen profession 4 1/2 months. At the end of 5 1/2 years the students have a position waiting for them, one in which they have already had experience. Employers are enthusiastic about the program. Students like it because they learn as they earn.

Students may write direct to Mr. E. B. Crim, Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., or have their pastors write. As Stetson is a Baptist institution, the director is anxious to serve Baptist young people.

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Unconventionalities . . .

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not to mention his skill at the wheel. They drive wildly in Cuba—and Tony was free, frantic and fluid in his advice to other drivers, and in his description of their ancestors (pointers, setters and Spitz)

The real "Baptist Hour" is too largely ignored. It consists of the hundreds of hours each Lord's Day when from hundreds of Baptist pulpits, the pastor's sermon is sent out on the ether waves. Our Southern Baptist Convention territory, with the exception of the extreme western portion, is literally blanketed by our Baptist message as voiced by the beloved pastors of the local churches. That is the real "Baptist Hour," and what a mighty and effective hour it is.

Dr. Lee's address on Thursday morning was a marvel of word witchery and an exposition of a comprehensive plea for the knowledge of and living through of the Word of God. There is no one like him.

Heard in the Columbus Hotel. One bellboy—these bellboys look like veterans of World War I—was saying to another, "I am sure glad to see a hotel full of women wearing clothes." No "beach brownies," I presume he meant.

Some of our sessions are too long. No matter how good the speakers are, after a half dozen wonderful addresses, my mind gets groggy and much of the rest of me gets calloused.

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A good church in a South Mississippi city is seeking a good music-educational director. The church wants a settled man with experience in both fields of endeavor. They are concerned more with a person with ability than with degrees he may have. Anyone interested may write the Baptist Record and the letter will be forwarded to the church.

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The Baptist Record appreciates an invitation to the dedications of the new Baptist Building in Dallas, Texas. The dedication program will take place at 2:30 p. m., June 3.

Joins South Side Staff



Miss Helen Eubanks began her work as Music Director and Educational Secretary of the South Side Church in Meridian on May 15. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and the New Orleans Seminary. From the latter school she received the degree of Master of Religious Education with a major in Music. She is an excellent pianist and organist and also a fine soprano voice. Miss Eubanks worked in the First Baptist Church of Kosciusko before attending the Seminary in New Orleans.

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Weekend Revival At Spanish Fort June 6-8

Rev. Bill Slaymaker, pastor of Spanish Fort Church, announces a weekend revival on June 6, 7, and 8.

Night services only will be held June 6 and 7 at 8 p. m. The Sunday morning will be at 11 a. m. with dinner on the ground. In the afternoon there will be singing and a preaching service at 3:30.

Rev. Herman Merritt is the evangelist and John L. Taylor the song leader.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

June 2—Commencement Blue Mountain College; Commencement Mississippi College.

June 3—Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, Ridgecrest; Junior RA Camp, Garaywa.

June 4—Vernal Stockstill, Gulf Coast Association; Sunday School Superintendent; J. W. Jordan, Jr., Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.

June 5—C. R. Crawford, faculty, Blue Mountain College; D. E. Richardson, faculty, Clarke College.

June 6—Prof. H. A. Carlock, faculty, Mississippi College; Miss Patricia Pierce, faculty, Woman's College.

June 7—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, State WMU Chariman for Margaret Fund; R. H. Cofer, Yalobusha Association Training Union Director.

June 8—Mac Smith, Lamar Association Brotherhood President; Rev. W. R. Prince, Tippah Association Missionary.

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The second annual College Missions Conference will be held at Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee, July 30. Dr. Norman O'Neal of the Mississippi College faculty will be one of the speakers.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

CHRISTIAN STANDARDS OF MORAL PURITY

Texts: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:8; 13:16, 27-32; Mark 10: 2-12; Luke 2:40.

INTRODUCTION

We have now come to the point of considering the commandment which touches more closely the purity and vitality of the home than any other of the ten. When we reach this ancient commandment, we get into the region of a consideration of a subject which engages the thought of all people who live anywhere in the world. Our Christian world no less than the pagan is in this day, as much as on any day in the past, has become sexual-mad, and violations of the Christian standards of sexual purity have become so general that the churches which neglect sound instruction of their people do so at their imminent peril.

To us who live and labor in the present day it seems that the world has descended to a new low in this matter of sexual relations. Popular plays, pictures, and fictional literature are those which portray illicit love and sexual laxity. "Sexual aberrations and perversions have increased to an incredible degree, and the most heinous sex crimes win front-page space on our newspapers every day.

I. REASON BEHIND THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

God created them male and female and designed them each for each, one woman for one man from the beginning. It was by this means that God provided completion of character for both. In this manner God planned for the wedding of the pair that each might be supplemented to the other, and so become a completed creation. It was by this means that God provided for the perpetuation and increase of the species. There may be regards in which God deals with the individual as an isolated unit, but only as a pair can man and woman live on beyond the brief years of their too short living. So God has interest in the pair, in marrying the two into one, and the unit is neither the man nor the woman, but the pair.

II. GOD'S SAFEGUARD OVER THE MARRIAGE RELATION

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Those there be who use the word "fornication" to mean every form of sexual laxity, with special reference, perhaps, to that laxity among unmarried people, unmarried men and unmarried women; and the word "adultery" to mean violation of the marriage relation. I do not think that it does violence to the spirit of the commandment if we make it apply to any and all forms of sexual perversion and impurity.

But it is true that the primary application of the prohibition is to the case of married people. The members of the pair have chosen each other, and neither can invoke a right to prove unfaithful to a

choice deliberately made. To attempt by unfaithful conduct to nullify the marriage contract is to attempt to void the words of Him who declared, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, and they two shall become one."

But the men of Moses' day had become unfaithful to the marriage relation that a concession had been made, permitting the husband to divorce the wife "for every cause". So the men of our Lord's day, the very Pharisees themselves, had invoked a granted permission to give the wife a bill of divorcement and send her away. So they came to Jesus with a question.

III. CHRIST INTERPRETS GOD'S INTENTION

Again it is the attitude of the heart upon which the Lord here lays emphasis. Primarily He intends to emphasize the truth that a man is as he lusts. It is not in the overt act that the sin is committed in the first place, but in the lascivious look and the lustful desire.

But as to the relations of husband and wife it was and is the will of God that the marriage relation shall be perpetual, "Until death us do part". "Oh, but my case is different!" Yes, Brother, God knows all about your case. Are you sure that it is not a case of your desire's having crept too near to some other woman? Another man's wife or daughter or sister, maybe? "But we are incompatible!" Is that so! So you wanted a "yes" girl, beautiful but dumb, who would never learn enough to know what a piebald donkey she had married, and when you learned that, by a big mistake, you had married a woman who could think, you were all put out and just could not stand it. "But I was subjected to mental cruelty!" Oh, I see at last! As the girls say, "Isn't it funny sometimes how we don't see?" So you married a woman who found you out at long last and dared to call you what you were and are; and rather than thank her for her frankness and attempting by the helping grace of God to make yourself sufficiently respectable to command the homage of a good woman's heart, and join yourself to "A rag and a bone and a hank of hair", that maybe had little enough sense and self-respect and common decency to be persuaded to leave a better man than you in order to be joined to such a conscienceless scoundrel as will stoop to break up another man's home, and maybe half-orphan a little child or two. Bah! You've made me sick!

IV. A BIT OF BIBLE PRESCRIPTION

That we need to do something in our present situation no one will deny. All the men and women who yearn over our civilization agree that it is desperate. From Edgar Hoover all the way, the people who are giving their lives to the study of this matter and to sounding the alarm of approaching ruin, declare with one voice that the broken home is among the most fecund causes of the sea of crime in which we are in danger of becoming whelmed in hopeless ruin.

1. Flee temptation to this sin.

J. HARDEE KENNEDY IS HARMONY EVANGELIST



J. HARDEE KENNEDY

Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, professor of Old Testament at the New Orleans Seminary, will do the preaching for the revival of the Harmony Church in Jones county to be held June 1-8.

Dewitt Pickering of Mississippi College and the Hebron Church in Jones county will lead the music. Rev. T. E. Fant is pastor of the church.

Intensive preparations are being made, and cottage prayer meetings are being conducted. A spirit of revival has already begun with six additions at the services Sunday, May 18.

On Saturday night before the meeting, a giant mass meeting will be held when fellowship, song and prayer will prevail.

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The 1952 Southern Baptist Handbook, compiled by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Sunday School Board, has recently come off the Broadman Press, Nashville 3, Tennessee. Edited by J. P. Edmunds, it costs \$1.00. It features 160 pages on the progress and achievements of Southern Baptists; our 1951 record; a comparison of religious strength in the United States; latest charts and figures on crime; a complete directory of all Southern Baptist agencies and institutions; and a special section on "How Americans Live and Spend their Money." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publishers.

"Opportunity, the guilt is great! Avoid opportunity, then. Stay away from the source of temptation!"

2. Leave the hip flask and Betsy bottle alone! Avoid the cocktail party! That way danger lies. Ask the divorce court judge how many marriages go on the rock because guzzled liquor makes men see strange women and dulls the ability to distinguish the things that differ. 3. Consider possible results to yourself, to the other party, to any children of either a former marriage or the contemplated one, and, if no marriage is contemplated, but only the indulgence of a lustful desire, think of the home you disgrace and the sacrilege you commit against the life of one created in the image of Almighty God. 4. And at last it comes down to this, or rather, up to this. You presume to fly in the face of God's commandment. And he will not hold guiltless the man or woman who wantonly disobeys Him.

STATE AND SOUTHWIDE LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN MAIN STREET ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

The week ending May 4 marked a new day in the Sunday School of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. With the help of nine departmental specialists from five Southern states, and under the leadership of Mr. Herman L. King, of the Sunday School Board, the Sunday School was completely graded and nine new departments were added to the organization.

The week was brought on by the completion of the educational building which will provide for six Nursery departments, four Junior departments, three Intermediate departments, two Young People's departments, a suite of offices for the church staff, a large Fellowship Hall, a most modernly equipped kitchen, two kitchenettes, a lovely chapel with a seating capacity of 250, church parlor, a suite of three rooms for the library, and a large conference room. The building is completely fire-proof and air-conditioned throughout.

The Enlargement Campaign was launched with the best religious census the church had ever taken.

Two hundred teachers and officers of the Sunday School studied departmental administration books at night under the leadership of the visiting faculty members. During the day plans were made for the enlargement of the organization, visitation was encouraged, and luncheon meetings with the departmental superintendents were held.

After a detailed study was made of the existing organization definite recommendations were made for each department of the school; and the church voted unanimously to grade the entire Sunday School on a definite age basis.

On the last day of the campaign, there were 1252 people (51 over the goal) in attendance at Sunday School, 114 more than the record attendance. The day also marked the first time that the Sunday School had ever had 1000 on two consecutive Sundays.

Main Street now probably has the most closely graded Sunday School with more Sunday School departments in the state. At the present time there are 28 departments in the Sunday school organization as follows: Cradle Roll, 6 Nurseries, 3 Beginner, 3 Primary, 4 Junior, 3 Intermediate, 3 Young People, 4 adult, and extension departments.

The church is indebted to the Sunday School Board for their assistance and to the corps of faculty members. Those who made up the enlargement faculty were: Herman L. King, Nashville, Campaign Director; Mrs. Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Cradle Roll; Mrs. Keith C. Von Hagen, Nashville, Nursery; Miss Carolyn Madison, Jackson, Beginner; Mrs. W. A. Kleinert, Baton Rouge, La., primary; Mrs. W. G. Rutledge, Alexandria, La., Junior; Mrs. Lee McDonnell, Jacksonville, Fla., Intermediate; Raymond Rigdon, Nashville, Young People; W. W. Graves, Fort Worth, Texas, adults; and Mrs. J. A. Totty, Memphis, Tenn., Extension.

The campaign was directed locally by Wallace E. Parham, educational director at Main Street.

Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., is pastor and Hugh McWilliams, Jr., is Sunday School superintendent.

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BARNETTE TO SPEAK AT PARKWAY, JACKSON



J. N. BENNETTE

Parkway Baptist Church announces its first cap and gown commencement exercise for Sunday school officers and teachers who have earned a diploma from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as a result of meeting certain study course requirements.

This service will be held Sunday morning, June 1, at the eleven o'clock hour, with Mr. J. N. Bennette, Secretary Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, delivering the commencement sermon.

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Evaluation Committee Commends Clarke College

Recently a committee composed of High School, Junior and Senior college educators made a thorough survey and evaluation of Clarke College.

Much of Clarke's program they commended, and then they made many recommendations. Below are some excerpts from the report on the committee on Philosophy, Pupil Education, and Educational needs, composed of Knox Broome, chairman, P. E. Hatch, and E. L. Morgan:

"The contributions of this institution to the cause of the Baptist denomination, which supports it, and to society in general is not only a fitting memorial to a great editor of the 'Mississippi Baptist' (N. L. Clarke, in whose memory the institution was named), but reflects the lengthening shadow of a mighty ideal, manifest by the democratic manner in which the institution was organized, located and established; the unfaltering purpose to provide educational opportunities for Christian leaders consider alone the fact that 325 former students now hold parishes in Mississippi.

Of the total enrollment of 568 there were 271 ministerial students—more Baptist ministerial students in this institution this past session than in any other college or university in the South, Baylor University excepted. Among the present student body 68 per cent are training for places of leadership in the field of religion, and 70 churches are now being served by students and faculty members of the school.

"The present enrollment is composed of rather mature people. More than 90 per cent are above normal age groups for their classification.

"We commend the Mississippi Baptists Convention and Board of Trustees of Clarke Memorial College upon the increased financial support given and upon the interest taken in the unique services offered by this school—a type of service not in competition with any other type institution and neither duplicated nor equalled anywhere in the South".

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A Man and His God (\$1.50) by Russell J. Humbert has recently been released by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tennessee. The author is president of DePauw University. A Man and His God is based on the talks Dr. Humbert delivered to the men of all faiths and denominations who met at the Tuesday Noon Club of Trinity Methodist Church in Youngstown, Ohio during his nine years in that pastorate. These fresh and discerning inspirations will appeal to men in every craft, business and profession. Brief, vital, and direct, they expand "taken for granted" values to their fullest proportions in the pure light of a Christian outlook. Beginning with the challenging "Men Wanted," these hard-hitting little talks seek, and find, the core of many present-day personal troubles and problems and point the way to their Christian solution. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publishers.

All-Time-High Record for 1951 American Bible Society Reports

All-time-high records in the missionary non-profit work of providing Scriptures throughout the world were reported by the American Bible Society at its 136th Annual Meeting, held in New York, May 8.

1951 Scripture distribution, at home and abroad, totaled 18,000,945 volumes. This was 26 per cent greater than the distribution for the previous record year. Approximately half were distributed in this country and half in other lands.

Supported by gifts from churches and individuals the American Bible Society received in 1951 contributions totaling \$2,819,256.

\$3,358 was contributed by churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in another all-time-high total of \$90,909. from Southern Baptist churches. 1951 gifts from churches of all denominations amounted to \$749,085.

Highlight of the year's work was the distribution in Japan of 3,372,803 volumes of Scriptures. The great demand for the Bible in Japan, since the World War II, continues in full force. The American Bible Society has supplied in Japan, since V-J Day, approximately 10 million volumes of Scriptures.

Another all-time-high record was established in Brazil—a country of special interest to Southern Baptist because a large portion of the total number of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are now located there.

All-time-high needs are also outlined. Seeking to serve the increasing calls for Scriptures throughout the world, the American Bible Society has approved for 1952 the largest budget yet adopted but still faces calls for specific needs amounting to \$547,466. beyond the budget which it has dared to project for the current year.

WRITERS OFFERED HELP AT RIDGECREST

Fiction, nonfiction, and publicity writing will be given the major emphasis during Writers Week at Ridgecrest, July 31-August 6, with beginning writers getting special attention for an hour each day.

Baptist editors will present two panel discussions on "What Editors Want," giving the writers an inside view of what material is urgently needed. Not only will the editors express their requirements in these discussion groups; they will be on hand throughout the week for informal interviews.

R. A. King, Jr., of Baylor University, and Webb B. Garrison, contributor to a dozen national magazines will lead the fiction and nonfiction workshops as well as serve as instructors.

Dr. Olin T. Binkley of the Southeastern Baptist Seminary faculty will speak in a series of addresses on the general subject "Christianity Is News."

Recreation and fellowship will be featured, since there will be only one hour of instruction and workshop during the afternoons.

John J. Hurt, Jr., editor of The Christian Index, and Albert McClellan, director of publications of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, will give pointers on reporting and publicity and Charles M. Hudson, Jr., a professor of English at the University of Missouri, will lead a class for beginning writers.

For additional information write to Clifton J. Allen, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Whittens Arrive for Furlough



Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, and two children, both born in Argentina, who are Southern Baptist Missionaries to Argentina, South America, will arrive in New Orleans, May 28th., for a furlough year in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Whitten left the States in August, 1947.

Their missionary experiences in Argentina have been varied, including evangelistic field work, pastoral experiences, and the opening of Baptist work in neglected areas of the country. For the past two years they have been members of the faculty of The International Baptist Seminary of Buenos Aires, which serves all the countries of southern South America. Mr. Whitten has recently been made head of the Old Testament department of the Seminary, and for the past two years has served as president of The River Plate Baptist Mission, which includes the three countries of Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitten expects to spend the summer months with their parents in Weir and Louisville. Mr. Whitten is the former Miss Nella Dean Mitchell of Louisville. In the fall they will move to Louisville, Kentucky, where Mr. Whitten will continue his graduate studies, in the fields of Old Testament, before returning to Argentina.

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Broadcast Of Basketball Tournament Sponsored By Kentucky Baptists

Elkhorn Association of Kentucky Baptists has recently sponsored a new type of radio broadcast.

As an expression of "it's faith in the state's young athletes" the Elkhorn Association sponsored the complete radio broadcast of the Kentucky high school state basketball tournament over station WVLK, at Lexington, March 19-22. This is the first time that a religious organization has ever sponsored a broadcast of this kind.

Dr. T. J. Powers, the Moderator of Elkhorn Association, was the leading spirit in the movement and throughout the tournament directed announcements of the sponsorship. In announcing the Association's decision to sponsor the broadcast Doctor Powers said:

"We realize that basketball is the favorite sport in Kentucky, and we feel that we can reach the largest potential audience of impressionable youngsters with a spiritual message on this broadcast. Since the eyes of the country have been focused on the basketball fix scandals in Kentucky, the Elkhorn Baptist Association is taking this opportunity to reaffirm its faith in our young athletes. They will be making the headlines of tomorrow. And if the best business brains in the country use sporting events to sell their products over the radio, there is no reason why we can't do the same to promote our product... which is faith in God."

Out of the broadcast came this new slogan for the young people: "It is the church for you in '52." The commercials built around this slogan contained brief moral and spiritual thoughts directed to thousands of listeners who seldom if ever attend church.

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West View Church in Jackson recently ordained Lewis B. Shoemaker to the full Gospel ministry. He was called to the Bethel Church at Burns. Rev. Jimmy Yarbrough, pastor, preached the sermon; Rev. Don Land presented the charge; and Rev. Ashworth presented the Bible.

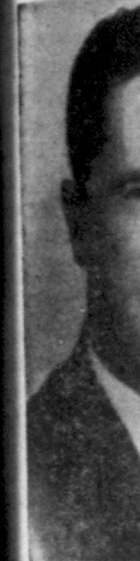


Pictured above are a number of the Young People and Intermediates who filled places of responsibility during the recent youth week held at Enon Church in Walthall County, Rev. M. R. Dixon, pastor. Standing on first row are: Louie Huhn, Sunday School Superintendent; O. C. Alexander, Chairman, Board of Deacons; Larry Rayborn, pastor; and Cecil Roberts, Music Director. The Youth Week program was climaxed with a weekend revival with Rev. Robert Girling, III, as the evangelist and Rev. Eugene Stockstill as director of the music. Both are students at the New Orleans Seminary.

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